

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Frederick W. Baldwin, July 9, 1922, with transcript

A Letter From Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, to F. W. Baldwin BRIAN BHREACH, NEAR BADDECK, NOVA SCOTIA July 9, 1922 Dear Casey,

Before you buckle down to work at the Laboratory, won't you please have a full talk with MacIver and Clarke, and see where expenses can be cut down with the least bad results.

Miss Campbell informs me that we are employing as many, if not more men, than before. Yet we are poorer — both actually, and in effect, through the raising of the discount rate.

Mr. Bell says our milk is not as good as what we had in Washington. I never take any, and so don't know, but he won't take it, and this is serious.

It breaks my heart to see the tower. Mr. Bell wanted to go there, so we drove there. I won't go again if I can help myself, I can't get it out of my thoughts. I am getting superstitious about it, I feel as if Mr. Bell's life were bound up in it. Can't it be patched somehow? It looks so neglected, uncared for. John kept pointing out all the broken strands, I could have struck him for tactlessness.

Then there is the wharf here. The shelter for small boats is a wreck, and should be removed. We can't afford a new one, but at least it shouldn't look so neglected.

MacIver bought nearly five hundred dollars worth of feed. Seems to me he had better have sold the cows, and reduced our acreage.

Yours with love, M. G. B. I'm not scolding — The place looks beautifully. I rejoice in the lovely lawn — its just — we are up against facts.

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A Letter From Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, to F. W. Baldwin (Undated) Probably Sept. 1922 BEINN BHREAGH, NEAR BADDECK, N.S. Dear Casey,

I have come to the end of my ideas of what I want done about the mountain— That is I want a bronze tablet inscribed with Mr. Bell's name, date of birth and death — placed over the spot where he lies — he had such strong feeling about this. But I don't know how to place this tablet — Can't you help me. Daisy wants a seat up there — and I want one too — but we could not put the tablet on that, nor if we could do I think it would be appropriate. A rough block of stone isn't right either because he wasn't that. Neither do we want anything very elaborate. The mountain itself is his monument and also the tower which I want to rebuild in permanent form some day — not now — he wouldn't want the money spent that way at present — But neither of these mark the exact spot and this is what I am thinking of. Also I want it done as soon as possible — for if it isn't it will slide on forever and he would not have liked that.

Yours M.G.B.